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STATE OF DELAWARE

BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Monday, February 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: 03/16/2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rochelle Mason, Professional Member, **President**, Presiding John Mucha, Professional Member, **Vice President**Kyla Teed, Public Member **Secretary**Sandra Bisgood, Public Member,
Lori Malloy, Professional Member (9:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.)
Florienda Scott-Cobb, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Lanae Ampersand, NASW
Kelly Barto, University of Pennsylvania
Edward Doxen, Delaware State University
Mike Goldsmith, Nemours
Lela Hairston, NASW
Jacqueline Hughes-Cohen
Michelle Rowland, NASW
Dr. Marlene Saunders, NASW
Brooke Sharlow, Delaware State University
Davis Short, NASW
Kenneth Wilson, NASW

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed January 5, 2015 minutes for approval. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Applications to Sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Daniel Burns. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Olga Rios. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Megan Schutt. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to ratify the application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam for Nanci Woodson. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Application for Licensure by Reciprocity

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Jennifer Brandt. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Scott-Cobb moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to ratify the application for licensure by reciprocity for Deborah Phillips. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Applications to Sit for ASWB Clinical Exam (Full Board Review Needed)

The Board reviewed Christine Janssen's application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the applicant to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Marilyn Lamberth's application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the applicant to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Julia Murphy's application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the applicant to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Talena Queen's application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the applicant to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Arlene Weisman's application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the applicant to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Tymira Wilson's application to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Teed, to approve the applicant to sit for the ASWB Clinical Exam, contingent upon the applicant amending her answer to question 22 of the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Formal Hearing Regarding Carl White - Case 31-08-12 (9:30 a.m.)

The formal hearing for Case 31-08-12 regarding Carl White was cancelled per Mr. White's request, and will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

Review Request to Return to Active Status

The Board reviewed Lindsay Levis' request to return to active status. Mr. Mucha moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to table the request to return to active status, until Ms. Levis submits proof of five hours of continuing education within the area of ethics. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Inactive Status

The Board reviewed Michelle Ropeter's request for inactive status. Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Bisgood, to approve Ms. Ropeter for inactive status from February 1, 2015 through February 16, 2015. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Consent Agreement Regarding Michelle Ropeter (Case 31-07-13)

The Board reviewed the Consent Agreement for Case 31-07-13 regarding Michelle Ropeter. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to accept the Consent Agreement. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Hardship Continuing Education Requests

The Board reviewed Kathleen Daney's request for a hardship extension. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Malloy, to table the request for additional information, such as the amount of CE's she has already completed, and an estimated amount of time that it will take for her to complete the required CE's. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Cheryl Stiefvater's request for a hardship extension. Ms. Mason moved, seconded by Ms. Malloy, to table the request for additional information, such as the amount of CE's she has already completed, and an estimated amount of time that it will take for her to complete the required CE's. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Recommendations from Hearing Officers

Ms. Hughes-Cohen addressed the Board regarding the recommendation from the Hearing Officer. She submitted correspondence from her physician regarding her medical status.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer's recommendations regarding Jacqueline Hughes-Cohen. Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Ms. Mason, to accept the conclusions of law, and findings of fact, but to modify the discipline to reflect a letter of reprimand, and report the discipline to the National Practitioner Data Bank. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board considered the Hearing Officer's recommendations regarding Pascale Beauboeuf-Roane. Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to accept the conclusions of law, findings of fact, and recommended discipline. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer's recommendations regarding Marybeth Conklin. Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to accept the conclusions of law, findings of fact, and recommended discipline. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer's recommendations regarding Renee Goselin. Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to accept the conclusions of law, findings of fact, and recommended discipline. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the Chief Hearing Officer's recommendations regarding Allah-Fard Sharrieff. Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to accept the conclusions of law, findings of fact, and recommended discipline. Motion unanimously carried.

ASWB Spring Education Committee Meeting (April 30- May 2, 2015 in Seattle, Washington

Ms. Williams advised the Board that the ASWB's spring meeting will be held in Seattle, Washington. She requested that if anyone was interested in attending, that they contact her as soon as possible.

Discussion Regarding Post-Renewal Continuing Education Audit

Ms. Williams requested that the Board determine a percentage of licensees to be randomly selected for the post-renewal continuing education audit. Ms. Bisgood moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to randomly audit ten percent of licensees for the 2015 post-renewal audit. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Joint Sunset Committee Hearing

Ms. Mason advised the Board that the Joint Sunset Committee Hearing is scheduled for February 19, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Legislative Hall. She advised the Board that she will provide a presentation to the Joint Sunset Committee, and respond to any questions posed by the Committee members. The Joint Sunset Committee has a copy of the Board's proposed legislation. Ms. Mason advised the Board that there is a public comment period during the hearing, where members of the public can address the Joint Sunset Committee, regarding the Board's proposals.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Saunders addressed the Board, and voiced her support, as well as the NASW's support of the proposed legislation. She also advised the Board that the NASW sent an email blast to members regarding the Joint Sunset Committee Hearing.

Mr. Goldsmith addressed the Board, and inquired about the Joint Sunset Committee Process. Mr. Goldsmith was advised of the process, and questioned the number of active licensees, and the audit process. Ms. Kelly explained the purpose and process of the Joint Sunset Committee. Mr. Goldsmith was advised that there are approximately 855 active licensees, and that the post-renewal continuing education audit notices will be sent out on or before April 1, 2015.

Ms. Scott-Cobb inquired if the Joint Sunset Committee would solicit additional sponsor's for the proposed legislation. Ms. Kelly informed Ms. Scott-Cobb, that the Joint Sunset Committee would be the sponsors of any proposed legislation, and that they do not solicit additional sponsors.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Malloy moved, seconded by Mr. Mucha, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jessica M. Williams, Administrative Specialist II

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